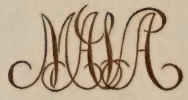

116 E. Kennedy St
Syracuse
N. Y.

My dear Dr Robinson

Dr Ferris tells me that you will only be able to come to Syracuse for one day Wednesday Nov. 3d
I had hoped you & Mrs Robinson would be here for at least the three days & that you & we could have you out at our camp at Skaneateles - but with your visit cut short - we can only hope to catch a little glimpse of you - this is what I have arranged with Dr Ferris - subject to your approval - and if it suits with

favor - write me the time your train will reach Syracuse - if N. Y. C - or D. L. & W. and I will meet you at the station & bring you to our home and when ever you have to go to the church we will see that you are taken there & brought back and you will remain with us over night - of course we live very simply & have no such grand home to entertain you in - as you & Mrs Robinson have - but you are so dear to us - that I did want to entertain you in our home - Dr Fenio said - however if you

would prefer to be entertained at the Hotel - it could be arranged -

Tell Mrs Robinson that I hope you can both come & visit us at Skaneateles in the summer for it is so lovely there -

Let me hear from you soon as your plans are perfected

Remember me to Mrs Robinson and tell her my visit with you both last summer was a real joy

Yours Sincerely
Minnie A. Van Allen
(Mrs Dr)

Oct 18th 1926

Presbyterian Hospital
San Juan, Porto Rico
Conducted by
The Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Jennie Ordway, Superintendent

Wm. R. Galbreath, M. D., Medical Director

Thursday.
January 27. 1927.

My dear Dr Robinson:

Upon my arrival here today I found your letter of Jan. 12th in my mail. I am very grateful to you for the letter which I have read with great interest and thank you. I appreciate your point of view. You will understand that I am on a very fast schedule and have but little time for correspondence. I must leave here tomorrow on a journey to our churches and missions through Porto Rico & return Saturday. Feby 5th. In brief the Committee is not yet committed to any conclusions. We have talked informally but in Pittsburgh at the Fort Pitt Hotel Feby 15th we are to meet with each man submitting a statement on the case. We shall read & consider these and, if possible, agree upon the outlines of the report. We shall then make a new draft to be submitted to the Committee in Chicago just after the meeting of the General Council. After that we hope the report will be chiefly a question of editorial attention.

I found to my surprise that Dr. Machen insists that there is a deep seated difference between

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the so called majority and minority groups.
He insists that this difference goes to the heart of
the issues and leads to anti Christian views.
I find that view reflected in the opinions of
the students. This seemed to me serious. I think
Dr. Machen and some others think so - some of
all did not agree exactly as to why the difference
was so serious.
I can not speak for the Committee but I have
the feeling that the general impression was that
the importance of conduct or life as related to
faith failed to receive due emphasis.
alumni of Princeton, I am sure, are for true
to the faith while urging the importance of life
as the result of faith. In other words we
believe that "truth is in order to goodness". The
present state of mind does not deny but it seems
to fail in proper emphasis.
I wish it were possible to talk this whole
matter through and out with you.
I have been wondering whether it would not be
just as well to abolish the office of President and
return to the old method of a chairman of the faculty
elected by the faculty - for a limited term - say 3
or 5 years eligible for one re election. This would let
Dr Stevenson remain in the present as Professor.
In case the faculty would elect such a man
as Armstrong or Loetscher I fancy both boards
would go along and Dr Stevenson would in a

short-time find other service and the way be opened for unity in the faculty. I believe that in certain cases members of the faculty have advised unwisely or too much. In general when students get into controversies I think it well to let them debate it through free from too much suggestion from the faculty.

But I must close. If you care to write me again I shall be at the Fort Pitt Hotel Tuesday Feby 15th I go on that night for an engagement at Lake Seminary on the 16th.

I shall present your letter to the Committee on the 15th

With assurance of esteem.

Yours very cordially

W. O. Thompson,

Delhi, N. Y.,
January 12, 1927.

Rev. William O. Thompson, D.D., LL.D.
Moderator General Assembly,
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Dr. Thompson,

You may recall the undersigned as one of the Directors of Princeton Seminary into whose administration you and your committee are making a sympathetic inquiry.

Permit me to write you in an informal way representing no one but myself and fully responsible for all I may say. As a graduate of the Seminary and a Director for the last few years, I have deep interest in and affection for it. No institution outside my family has my affection to a greater degree. The Faculty are my friends, Dr. Erdman was my classmate in the Seminary and we ate at same table for three years, the other members are later but close friends. Dr. Stevenson has been a guest in our home and I well know his charm and high Christian character. As a rule I have voted with the majority group of Directors, sometimes with a question in my mind. The greatest blunder made, as I now see it, was the precipitate election of Dr. Machen last May. It was perfectly legitimate in every particular. Dr. Macartney had unfortunately delayed giving reply from November until May and even so long ago as 1924 all, including Dr. Stevenson, had insisted that some one must be elected to succeed Dr. Greene, who was very feeble. Under the pressure of circumstances, a majority voted to elect at once and Dr. Machen was elected on first ballot.

No one can question Dr. Machen's ability, scholarship, extraordinary hold on students. He believes deeply but you surely know from his writings and speeches in your hearing that he is not the wild, unfair fundamentalist he has been pictured. However, as I see now, but did not see then, the election, of which I knew nothing until just prior to the meeting, was too hurried and made a few angry. Drs. Stevenson, Erdman, Macartney can tell you if they remember and wish to, that I wrote each several letters, asking that there be conference in good spirit. I wrote Drs. Machen and Erdman asking them to forgive and forget, which I learn both have expressed willingness to do. The first rift came in 1924 when a Director and a Professor were candidates for Moderator. I did my feeble best to forestall such a contest.

Since 1915 I wanted to see Dr. Erdman in that high place and was for him until Dr. Stevenson refused to second his nomination. Being like youself, absolutely loyal to Presbyterian standards of doctrine and polity, I reluctantly believed Dr. Erdman was being unwittingly made the representative of those whose position I could not accept. Dr. Erdman felt his defeat keenly as well he might.

He was put in a false light. That contest engendered heat and many things happened as you know. I understand your committee has been urged to recommend a complete change of personnel of Directors. Now I am very frank to say I would feel such an action as keenly as Dr. Erdman felt his defeat. It would be a fraud of incompetence which no one would enjoy having put on him by the committee or the General Assembly. Nor do I believe the minority should either resign or be forced out. Certainly it would be wrong and unjust to discriminate taking some and leaving others. We are bound in one bundle.

It is a question whether the Committee or Assembly has legal right to do more than refuse to confirm the class whose terms expire 1927. The initiative and election would rest with the other two classes. Read over the 1927 list. Except the undersigned it is made up of strong men. Will you refuse conformation to Dr. Patton after his long honorable career. Dr. McEwan one of the most loved men in the church, who has striven for peace as hard as any, Dr. Warfield, who is wise, fair, far-seeing as any member of the Board, Dr. Laird, than whom there is no more effective man for such work in the entire church, Dr. Finney, the high tempered but most lovable member of the minority, whose great heart and impulses lead him to vigorous work and action? Or will you put a brand on the rest, less conspicious but as fair, honest as the others? To do so would be a serious hurt. You would inflict wounds without cause upon men as loyal to the church as any one in the church. Were any heterodox or dishonest or immoral, I could see reasons, but being what they are in ability, integrity, loyalty to the Presbyterian Church, I cannot see reason for refusing confirmation to one, even myself.

Suppose you recommend a complete change in the Board, have all kicked out. Do you think that would help Princeton Seminary in its work? Who would select the new Board? Would there not be a bitter, personal, factional quarrel that would rend the Church? Did the drastic action with the missionary Boards do as much good as was expected? Do you think you could find thirty ministers and elders who would make less blunders or show better spirit or wiser minds? Is it not your experience that members of Boards of Control of educational institutions grow increasingly valuable with years? Drs. Martland, Alexander, Warfield, Laird, and others have become of superlative value on the Board because of long experience and assiduous devotion. Rotation has been suggested. But few men are valuable with less than ten years experience. And these in rotation now. I have been on the Board about ten years and twelve out of thirty are new since I was elected and there are two vacancies now. That is as rapid a rotation as any institution can stand.

I think my desire for the welfare of the institution is stronger than my personal ambition to retain what I consider my greatest honor and privilege, when I say leave the Boards as they are. Why punish the Directors for a Faculty difference? Why disgrace ministers and elders when the President elected after seventeen ballots by one majority, with all his charm and nobility, is not a wise administrator? No man has every talent. Troubles arise in every educational institution but I say that Presidents I could name would have forestalled such a ruction. I think Dr. Stevenson

can and will correct mistakes. Woodrow Wilson, with all his wonderful talents, made the University a storm-tossed sea, which the less brilliant Dr. Hebben has calmed. Dr. Machen is objected to because of tempermental idiosyncrasies, nd in all kindness one might say the same of Dr. Stevenson. And I may dd that Faculty and Alumni supporters have told me the same in private conversation. If ever a person tried to stand with another I have endeavored to stand with President Stevenson. I like him very much but having many gifts, he lacks some.

Now let us alone and, as Dr. Warfield has said to you, we will work it out. We are all Christian men who love Princeton Sem. and the Presbyterian Church. Your Committee has done good in bringing the boil to a head. We all think more clearly and soberly because of you. Now do not endanger the good by drastic branding of men.

With all respect,

Yours truly,

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DELHI, N. Y., Oct 19 1926

Rev W.C. Robinson,

Delhi. N.Y.

Dear Dr. Robinson,

Inasmuch as you were the minority leader in the Gen Assembly that opposed the Great Mississipi Bubble " The new Era Movement " and the Foulkes Re'gime in the Presbyterian Church . , I thought it might interest you to have in your files the recent report of the aftermath of the World Movement, It is at least official and may answer some that still contend that the New Era movement saved the Churches,

Before the Movement the United Pres, Church , had an enviable record , as to Foreign Missions and the small administrative cost of running them .

What it has done to the larger Presbyterian Church is still larger statistics.

No reply required ,

Sincerely yours

J. J. Thomas

Egypt—1854 India—1855 The Sudan—1900 Abyssinia—1920

The Board of Foreign Missions
of the
United Presbyterian Church of North America
Schaff Building, 1505 Race Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

OFFICE OF
ASSOCIATE SECRETARY

Cable Address—Evangelism, Philadelphia

October 16, 1926.

Dear Friends of Foreign Missions:

One third of the work of the Board of Foreign Missions is in danger of being discontinued. Aside from the closing of a number of stations and the evacuation of fifteen districts, this would require the withdrawal of fifty missionary families and the dismissal of 241 native workers, setting us back just nine years in our personnel. It would exactly wipe out our Board's part of the "407" Movement.

This situation cannot be charged to mismanagement on the part of the Board of Foreign Missions. Its books, policies, plans, organization and methods were carefully examined and rated as first class by a competent committee during the New World Movement. Into that Movement our Board entered in splendid financial condition. It cooperated fully and generously, and throughout the years gave to the work abroad the same painstaking care and economical management it constantly gives. Nevertheless, from the New World Movement our Board has emerged with a $143,000 debt in its recurring budget and now suffers the anguish of being threatened with a one third reduction of its total work.

In the judgment of the Board, this situation has come about through the merging of interests in the N. W. M., our obligation to make no direct appeal to the Church during the N. W. M., and the subsequent withdrawal from our current budget of the support that came to us both from the regular and the N. W. M. gifts of the Church. "Untie the hands of the Board of Foreign Missions and allow it full freedom to appeal to the Church for its needs," commissioners said to the General Assembly, and that was what the General Assembly did.

You are one of our "Special Contributors." Therefore, we want you to know just how tragic our situation is that you may pray and do all in your power to arouse and interest others.

Under separate cover we are sending you a booklet entitled "The Road Away from Retrenchment." If you desire extra copies, we shall gladly send them upon request.

You will be glad to know that Dr. W. B. Anderson's condition is slightly improved. Of course he is deeply concerned in all that I have written, and I suspect you share with me the belief that the lifting of this load would be to him a tonic better than medicine. How immeasurably more this would mean to Him "Whose we are and Whom we serve!"

Faithfully yours,

Miles J. Taylor

Delhi, New York,
September 24, 1926.

Dr. W. C. Robinson,
Delhi, New York.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

Just a note to tell you I received the check all right and want to thank you for it. It was lovely of you good people to think of it and I surely appreciate it. I also want to tell you it couldn't have come at a time when it could help me more as I'm not working all the time and it's hard to get my lessons. But I'm bound to stick to it with the Lord's help and sometime I hope to take the training for a choir leader. That is ~~so~~ my aim ~~whether I ever~~ if I can accomplish it. So you see what a lot you have helped. We surely enjoy singing in your choir & it helps us more than it possibly can you.

Thanking you, I remain
Ever your sincere friend,
Rachael E. Peachout.

Bennington, Vermont,
July 31, 1926

Minister of Presbyterian Church,
Dresden, ~~Ohio~~, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly inform me the date of the baptism of William P. Stanley, son of John and Julia Stanley. I am sorry I did not have the exact date.

Yours truly,

Richard J. Dalton

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May 26, 1926.

Mr. W. Courtland Robinson,
Cherry Hill,
Delhi, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

We thank you very kindly for your letter in which you give us instructions to cover your Studebaker Sedan with fire and theft insurance together with $50.00 deductible collision and binder certificate No. 44999 is enclosed confirming this coverage on your 1925 Studebaker Sedan, engine number 4690.

The liability insurance will be taken care of through our Mr. Leroy Schell, who was talking to you, and he will see that a binder certificate is sent to you. In any event, all kinds of insurance will be written commencing June 1, 1926.

I think the valuation of the protection on your car as of $1200 is about the market value of your car and will be throughout the entire year.

We thank you very kindly for this business and assure you that when your car is idle during the winter months, it will be your privilege to suspend the liability insurance policy.

Yours very truly,

Twin Mutuals

By [signature]

TDT/FBJ

Encl.

"The Church of the Open Door"

Oakwood Avenue Presbyterian

TROY, N. Y.

Marvin J. Thompson, D. D., Minister

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

The name of your New Jersey minister was presented with all my eloquence to the committee of First Lansingburgh. Mr. Paul Cook is no longer mentally fit for responsibility. Miss Cook may have written you..

Last Sunday a recent alumnus from Union and a Troy Presbytery lad preached in Oakwood before the committee while I hammered in First Lansingburgh. He was much liked but is considered too young by a few and I fe ar will be opposed by the political Auburn group. Between us I have never as I intimated previously seen quite such fine moving tactics. Outwardly I am treated well but--"I ha'e etc.

Do not tho Dr. Robinson get the impression that any Troy church is an enviable field. Troy is slipping alarmingly. Someday I intend to change. Not, thank God because of local difficulty rather because when in sight of the half century I do not feel obligated to dig in and hold. Oakwood had last year a fine record but the constant moving out disheartens. Business is paralyzed. So in your travels if you ever find a needy field remind of the Delaware County native. Refer them to Rev.Dr. George Fairlee, Clerk of Troy Presbytery or my Clerk or President of Trustees. Best of all the canny Scotchman--Andrew W. Loudon, 2 Frear Avenue.

Is there likelihood of any Presbyterian preaching this summer?

Hoping that all is well I am of course,

Fraternally

Marvin J. Thompson

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BOSTON, MASS.

May 20, 1926.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson,
Cherry Hill,
Delhi, New York.

Dear Sir:-

We understand that you have a Studebaker Special Six Sedan, the insurance on which is expiring some time soon. We would like very much to take care of the insurance for you, and we certainly trust it is going to be our pleasure to write it at this time.

Regarding fire insurance, the rate for fire insurance alone is 40¢ per hundred, and for fire and theft coverage together, the charge is $1.80 per hundred. We have not allowed the discount for having a transmission lock attached to your car, inasmuch as you do not want to be compelled to lock the car every time you get out of it. There is a reduction however, of 20% from the theft part of the rate for having and using this lock.

Collision insurance is a form of insurance that covers damage done to your own car. There are two forms that we write, the $50.00 deductible form and the $100.00 deductible form, in each case the Company deducts $50.00 or $100.00 before settling any claim. For the $50.00 deductible form the charge is $40.00, and for the $100.00 deductible form the charge is $25.00.

We are paying a 25% dividend at the expiration of fire, theft and collision policies, and if you finally decide that you wish this form of insurance, won't you please complete and return the application blank that is enclosed.

Yours very truly,

Twin Mutuals,

By T. W. Staley

TDT/BMA
Enc.

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INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

May 28, 1926.

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR
TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT
OF NEW YORK

IN REPLYING REFER TO

Account No. 802090

W. C. Robinson,
Delhi, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of May 26th you are advised that expense of operation of your car in the discharge of your duties as Pastor are considered allowable deductions. Where the car is used for both pleasure and Pastoral duties the deduction should be limited to the proportion representing church duties. You cannot charge the cost of new car as an expense. The loss through wreck should be determined by the following rule:

Original Cost of wrecked car	$
Depreciation at 20% per year computed from the date of Purchase to the date of wreck	-
Value on date of wreck	$
Salvage value(amount allowed toward new car)	-
Net loss (or gain) as the case may be	$

If the salvage value is greater than the actual value on the date of wreck the difference should be reported as income. If it is less, it may be charged off as loss. It is requested that you submit statement in this form with recapitulation in the following form:

Recapitulation

Expense of operation of automobile	$
Repairs	$
Net loss on wrecked car	$
Total	$
Less 1/3 representing pleasure use	$
Business expense as reported on page 1 line 1	$

It is suggested that the extra sheet which is enclosed be used in submitting statement.

Respectfully,
J W Blinks
Collector.

JWC/C
Enc.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR JWC
TWENTY-FIRST DISTRICT
OF NEW YORK

SYRACUSE, N. Y. May 26, 1926

IN REPLYING REFER TO
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W. C. Robinson
Delhi, N. Y.

Sir:

In connection with your 1925 income tax return, please advise this office how you arrive at the deduction of $1004. reported on line 1, page 1. This figure appears to have been estimated. Kindly state whether you have records to substantiate this deduction.

On line 6, page 1 you report a profit of $216.50. This figure should be supported by a detailed statement, Schedule C, and should show:

Description of the securities sold
Date acquired
Amount received
Cost

Please submit a schedule containing this information, that it may be attached to your return.

Please attach your answer to the enclosed copy of this letter.

Respectfully yours,

J W Clark

RLH

Collector.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT
U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
Form 844—Revised March, 1924
Approved by Comptroller General U. S
Feb. 9, 1924

Washington, D. C.

NOTICE OF REFUND

Income Tax 21st District of New York

W. C. Robinson
Delhi, N. Y.

Allowed, $ 3.14

Schedule No.

TAX [illegible]
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REVENUE

TAXABLE PERIOD	TAX PAID		ASSESSED ON LIST				REFUNDABLE	
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1923	2/5	75.98	1924 May	801404		75.98	3.14	
Form No. 1040			$19.00-25% Red. previously refunded.					

Refund is due for the following reasons:

On account of the 25% reduction authorized by the Revenue Act of 1924, amount previously refunded on account of 25% reduction, $19.00, which amount did not take into consideration tax withheld at source. The additional refund of $3.14 is 25% of $12.55, which amount was paid by your withholding agent.

A Treasury check for the amount refundable, as indicated by the foregoing, is transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

Deputy Commissioner.

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"The Church of the Open Door"
Oakwood Avenue Presbyterian
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Marvin J. Thompson, D. D., Minister

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

Rev. Mr. Walker left Troy for Aurora this morning. When I see you I'll tell you about Auburn's system. Neither Yale — Princeton, nor New York, nor Princeton can have a finer one.

Inasmuch as two of the Pulpit Committee are my personal friends and have consulted with me I am seeking the names, one or two, of Princeton men who might be available. Between 30 — 55.

The Princetonian at Hudson Falls has never shown great loyalty. Caughey seems to have him under control.

Is Dr. Chi safe now?

Yours

Marvin J. Thompson

Tuesday
101 Hamilton Street

Dear Dr Robinson:

I'm sure you already know how much Mrs Doyle & I appreciate your kindness to us. Your many calls in the past few weeks have been a great comfort to me

in many ways.

Please accept

this small note.

Sincerely.

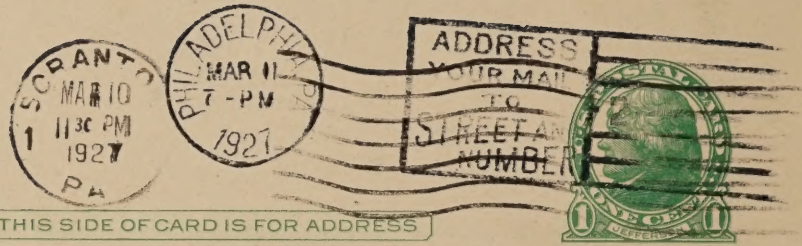
Bess B. Tufford

General Delivery, Scranton, Pa
3/10/27

Dear Dr. Robinson:-

Couldn't help telling you how much I enjoyed both your fresh, practical, spiritual treatment of last Sunday's International lesson- Sharing the Good News". The saying runs: "It's hard to strike twelve every time". Last Sunday you surely struck twelve and I personally refreshed with your lesson. It is with no unusual pleasure because I am the Scranton solicitor for the paper- the only common garden variety of ruling from the untuned skate.

Sincerely yours,
H. S. Voorhees.



Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D.D.

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~~1217 Market St.~~

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